

# WASHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL



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## Extraordinary Meeting of Washington Parish Council

Draft MINUTES of proceedings for the Extraordinary Meeting of Washington Parish Council held on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at Washington Village Hall (Dore Room).

**PRESENT:** Cllr S. Buddell (Chairman), Cllr B. Hanvey, Cllr P. Heeley, Cllr T. Keech, Cllr A Lisher (Vice-Chairman), Cllr G. Lockerbie, Cllr J. Luckin and Cllr J. Thomas.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Z Savill (Clerk). No members of the public

**EOM/24/2/1** **To Accept Apologies for absence**  
None

**EOM/24/2/2** **To Record Declarations of Interest from members in any item to be discussed and Agree Dispensations.**  
No declarations of interest were made and no dispensations were requested.

**EOM/24/2/3** **To Approve the Minutes of the last Full Council meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> February 2024**  
The Council **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the minutes of the Full Council Meeting on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2024

**EOM/24/2/4** **Public Speaking**  
None.

**EOM/24/2/5** **Planning Act 2008 – Section 89 and The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 – Rule 8 and 9. Application by RED (Rampion Extension Development Ltd for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Rampion 2 Offshore Wind Farm**  
*To Review the above 'Rule 8' letter' from the Planning Inspectorate and Agree on further action by the Parish Council and Recreation Ground Charity as Interested Parties in the examination of the Rampion 2 application for Development Consent.*

The Council discussed the Rule 8 letter which provides important information about the Examination of the Rampion 2 Offshore Windfarm Application. The Clerk advised on delegating governance arrangements for the Council to effectively engage in the DCO examination process. It was noted that if responses are not submitted in accordance with statutory timescales they cannot be taken into account by the Planning Inspectorate. This may affect the outcome of PINS recommendation to the Secretary of State for the application which does not fully take into account the possible impact on the parish.

Following a discussion, the Council **RESOLVED** to **AGREE** the following:

- The Clerk to draft and submit further Written Representation to expand on those already made by the Council objecting to the route due to its impact on the community and surrounding traffic infrastructure and if useful, include comments on the Relevant Representations already made, **before Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2024 deadline.**
- To seek a quotation from Steve Tilbury Planning Consultant for representing the Council

at any hearings it is required to attend during the Examination.

- To delegate authority to the Clerk (*using the Council's power under Section 101 of the Local Government Act 1972*), in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman and within the adopted Council budget, to make procedural responses and engage with the DCO examination process within the prescribed timeframes, without the need to seek authority at Full Council meetings.

**EOM/24/2/6**      **To Consider exclusion of the Public and Press pursuant to section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 and the Council's Standing Orders, from the next confidential item relating to legal advice and negotiations on land easement.**  
The Council **RESOLVED** to exclude the Press and Public from the next confidential item

**EOM/24/2/7**      **Rampion 2: To Approve the Council's letter to Carter Jonas on their Heads of Terms for the proposed Rampion 2 cable route through Washington Recreation Ground**  
The Council's letter and list of initial comments on key terms for an option and deed of Easement (Washington Parish Council WSX211492), kindly drafted by Cllr Hanvey and Cllr Lockerbie, were previously circulated. Following a discussion, the Council **RESOLVED** the following:

- To **APPROVE** the letter of Qualified Agreement to enter into negotiations with RED on the cable route access, without prejudice to the Council's stated objection the route, and on the understanding that the developer pays all the Council's professional fees, even if an agreement cannot be met which is outside its control. Letter to be sent by Recorded Delivery;  
To **NOTE** the list of comments prepared on the Heads of Terms to be raised in negotiations, together with any further points raised by the Council

**EOM/24/2/8**      **Date and Time of next Ordinary Council Meeting:**  
The Council **NOTED** the next meeting date on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2024, 7:30pm  
  
There being no further business to transact, the meeting was closed at 7:30pm

Signed.....

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